

Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today released the following statement prior to President Obama's address before Congress this evening.

“Tonight is clearly an important moment for the President. This is his first address to a joint session of Congress. He has the opportunity to present his economic vision for America. Families are hurting and unemployment is on the rise. The President also has a responsibility to explain how Washington spending translates to new jobs and financial stability.

“I am hopeful the President will recognize the vital role of small businesses in our economy. Small businesses are where most hardworking Americans get ahead in life, and it will be the strength and innovation of small business entrepreneurs that lead us to an economic turnaround.

“I commend President Obama for his focus thus far on alternative energy. America needs a bold, new energy vision and Nebraska can help lead the way. Now is the time to build a sustainable energy future, powered by domestic sources including wind, solar, biomass, and biofuels, that will strengthen our economic and national security.

“Regarding international stability, the spread of nuclear weapons technology is a grave threat to humanity and demands the full focused attention of the Administration and Congress.”

Fortenberry is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Agriculture Committee, and Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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